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REMARKS

This Response responds to the Notification mailed January 22, 2009.

Appellants thank the Examiner for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 26, 2006.

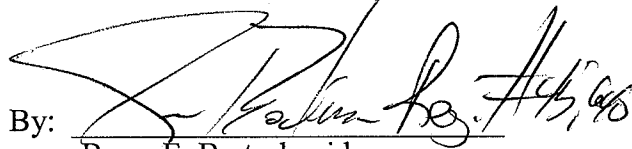
The Examiner has requested that the Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter in appellants' Opening Brief filed January 31, 2007, be corrected to separately map independent claims 20 and 39-42 to the specification. Applicants have revised the Summary accordingly and attach to this Response the revised Summary as a separate document, and not the entire Brief, as required by MPEP 1250.03.

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Respectfully submitted,

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